

DATE: October 2, 1980

TO: Division File

FROM: Brad Benning

SUBJECT: COOK CO. MELROSE PARK/^{mfg}CRYSTAL PACKAGING
(MSD FOLLOW-UP)

On September 18, 1980, Brad Benning representing the IEPA-DLPC investigated the Crystal Packaging Co. located at 2731 W. Lake St. in Melrose Park. The inspection concerned the presence of approximately 150-55 gal. drums, 85-fiber drums and 80 bags of various materials, some of this material may be waste, but much of it appears to be raw products.

Crystal Packaging filed for bankruptcy, and Melrose Park National Bank took control of the assets. The attached letter from the Melrose Bank explains what has taken place between the bank and Almarc Mfg. Co. who supposedly bought all the assets from the bank. Mr. Archy Reed of the Attorney General's Office and Lt. Harold Wiegel of the Melrose Park Fire Dept. also inspected the site and Lt. Wiegel did not feel this material posed a safety hazard at the present time.

It appears legal action is being taken by Melrose Park National Bank and Almarc Mfg. to determine ownership of the material. Once ownership is determined this office will contact the owners to insure proper removal and/or disposal of the material.

cc: Northern Region ✓

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Dear Mr. Reed:

Per our conversation of last week, here is a synopsis of what has occurred with Crystal Manufacturing & Packaging, Inc.:

On 3/24/80 Crystal Mfg. entered a petition in the U. S. Bankruptcy Courts in the Northern District of Illinois, seeking protection under the Bankruptcy Courts as a debtor in bankruptcy under Chapter 11 seeking reorganization. Effective 6/12/80 custody and possession of the premises and business formerly operated by Crystal Mfg. were turned over to the Melrose Park National Bank. The Bank was awarded such possession due to its position as a secured party under various UCC Security Agreements and Financing Statements. On June 19, 1980 a public auction was scheduled for the sale of all assets of Crystal Mfg. Due to some difficulties, that sale was postponed and finally took place on June 23, 1980. At this time, due to the low bids that we received, the Bank put in a bid for \$65,000 and became owner of the assets. On July 3, 1980 those assets were sold to Almarc Mfg. Co. This company decided to remove the assets from the premises and not operate out of the former location. It was at this time that the trouble began. Almarc Mfg. left behind a number of things which the Bank feels belongs to them. At this time we are at a stale mate in resolving the problem of the material that has been left behind.

If you have any questions concerning what we have just discussed, please feel free to call me or our attorney, Gary Kostow, at any time.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD M. KEARNEY
Commercial Banking Officer

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